THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As per Government policy, 1% reservation for allotment of plots/flats has been provided for ex-servicemen in all the registration schemes of DDA.

(b) and (c) As per the Government policy/guidelines 2.2½% of total number of flats allotted during a year can be allotted on out-of-turn basis by the competent authority. However, no separate reservation is provided for ex-servicemen in these out-of-turn allotments.

(d) DDA has fixed a target to allot to 8424 pending registrants during 1992-93.

Acquisition of cultivable land

2563. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMEMT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the farmers from various parts of the country held a rally at the Boat Club on Tuesday against acquisition of cultivable land;

(b) whether they have demanded that if at all the land is acquired in exceptional circumstances the minimum compensation should be paid @ Rs. 500 Sq. meter to the affected farmers; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove the grievances of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Urban Development is primarily a State subject. As such the land use regulations are controlled under the various Acts of the State Governments. With increasing population in urban areas certain extent of conversion of agricultural land for urban use is inevitable. However, care is taken as far as possible not to convert furtile wet agricultural lands to non-agricultural use. The payment of compensation for these lands are covered by the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act which provide for payment of market value for the land after due enquiry as laid down in the said Act. If any land is designated in the Master Plan for the use of agriculture, such land cannot be converted for non-agricultural use without following the procedures statutorily laid down in the relevant Town Planning/Master Plan regulations. In the case of lands which are zoned as agricultural land in the Master Plan the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 is not applicable, and gnuine agriculturalists can hold land put to agricultural use even if th s is beyond the urban land ceilingi limit. The use of agricultural lands is regulated by the Land Reforms Act administered by the States wherein safeguards are built for conversion/transfer of land to non-agricultural uses. It would thus be seen that there are several safeguards built into the existing Acts and regulations to ensure that there is no indiscriminate conversion of agricultural lands for urban use.

Payment of water bills

2564. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has authorised some of the banks to collect payment of water bills from consumers;

(b) if so, the names of branches of these banks locality-wise as on 15th July, 1992;

(c) whether D.W.S & S.D.U. propose to authorise more banks for collection of these payments to provide further relief to consummers;

(d) whether some mobile vans for collection of water bills have also been provided similar to DESU vans;

(e) if so, the details of their availabilities with days and timings fixed locality wise;

(f) whether like DESU, DWS & SDU has authorised to make payment of their water bills at any of Departmental Office irrespective of issue of bill by a particular office; and

(g) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A list of 54 branches of State Bank of India authorised to receive payments of water bills as on 15-7-1992. are shown in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertakings has reported that they approached the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and Bank of India etc. for extending this facility to registered consumers but none of these banks have so far agreed to the proposal.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. Unlike DESU where the billing/posting of electricity charges is being done by computerised S.D.U. is not practicable where the work of billing/posting is being done manually.

Statement

List of branches of the State bank of India referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha USQ NO. 2564 for 31-7-92 regarding collection of water charges in Delhi by Banks

1. Model Town
2. Rana Pratap Bagh
3. Vijay Nagar
4. Clock Tower
5. Kamla Nagar
6. Wazirpur Indl. Area
7. Samaypur Badli
8. Janakpuri
9. Hari Nagar
10. Moti Nagar
11. Shakur Basti
12. Tilak Nagar
13. Maya Puri
14. Panjabi Bagh
15. Uttam Nagar
16. Subhash Nagar
17. Chaukhandi
18. Jawala Heri
19. Nariana
20. South Patel Nagar
21. Pusa Road Rajendra Place
22. Padam Singh Road
23. Keshav Puram
24. Najafgarh
25. Palam Village
26. Rithala
27. Krishan Nagar

28. G.T. Road Shahdara
29. Gandhi Nagar
30. Seelampur
31. Swasthaya Vihar
32. Gazi Pur
33. Azad Market
34. Pahar Ganj
35. Sadar Bazar
36. Fateh Puri
37. Chandni Chowk
38. Central Market, Lajpat Nagar
39. Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar
40. Jangpura
41. Defence Colony
42. Friends Colony
43. R.K. Puram
44. Moti Bagh
45. Malviya Nagar
46. N.D.S.E. I
47. Vasant Vihar
48. J.N. University
49. Kalkaji
50. Okhla Industrial Estate
51. Mehrauli
52. Badarpur
53. Kapashera
54. Central Secti.

राजस्थान की माही बजाज सागर परियोजना

2565. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान सरकार 8.75 मीटर ऊंची पट्टी बनाकर माही बजाज सागर परियोजना के जल निकासी द्वार की ऊंचाई बढ़ा रही है और इस संबंध में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से आवश्यक सहमति भी प्राप्त नहीं की गयी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अनाधिकृत निर्माण को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) और (ख) राजस्थान सरकार ने माही बजाज सागर के द्वारों पर 0.75 मीटर ऊंचे फ्लेप लगाए हैं। राजस्थान सरकार ने पूर्ण जलाशय स्तर को ऊंचा करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार की सहमति मांगी है, लेकिन चूंकि यह सहमति नहीं दी गयी, इसलिए राजस्थान सरकार ने जलाशय को अतिरिक्त ऊंचाई तक न भरने का निर्णय किया है। तत्कालीन केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री ने नई दिल्ली में 6.2.1991 को राजस्थान मध्य प्रदेश, तथा गुजरात के सिंचाई/जल संसाधन मंत्रियों की बैठक आयोजित की थी। प्रथमतः संबंधित राज्यों के साथ वैयक्तिक रूप से विचार विमर्श करने के केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री के सुझाव से उस बैठक से असहमति प्रकट की गयी थी। इसके बाद, मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया उसके संसाधन मंत्री पहले राजस्थान के जल संसाधन मंत्री के साथ इस मुद्दे पर विचार विमर्श करना चाहेंगे।

Major and medium projects in the country

2566. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium ongoing irrigation projects in the country at present together with their locations ;

(b) the funds for each of these projects earmarked for 8th Plan; and

(c) the annual expenditure proposed on these projects during the plan period ?